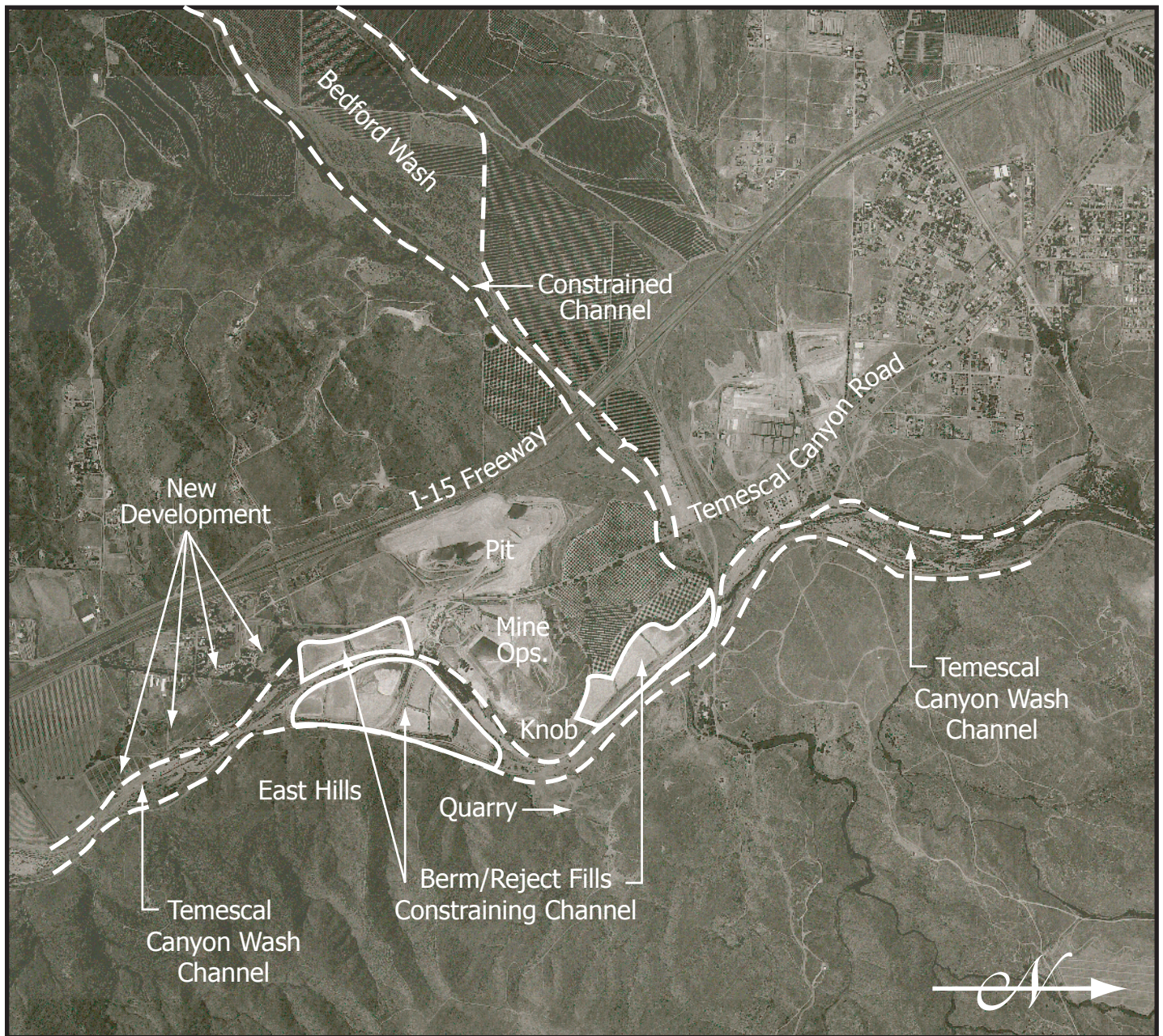


Exhibit 9



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Photo illustrates the significant development of the mining berms and reject fill intrusions onto the active channel and floodplain of Temescal Canyon Wash. The berms have very tightly constrained the wash to only a modified active corridor and has removed much of the meander and braid fluvial structures, and have forced the channel into a singular channel with only the broadest meanders remaining. These broad meanders are controlled by the geomorphology of the area (ie. the hard rock outcroppings of the East Hills and the Knob). Vegetation can be seen developing and invading into the channel area.

Bedford Wash has been largely converted into orchards in the upper portion and sharply constrained and altered by the freeway, road and industrial/commercial development in the lower reach in the area of confluence with Temescal Canyon Wash. It can be seen that the active channel portion of the wash goes from relatively broad to tightly funneled down as it approaches and crosses the freeway and Temescal Canyon Road.

These conditions in both washes have strongly disturbed the equilibrium of alluvial and fluvial processes, and have introduced sharp transitions and channel constraintment which promote adverse flow behavior during flood events, and promote adverse alluviation during low flow events.